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**Town Administrator Report**  
**As Presented to the Select Board on October 4, 2022**

1. Lagoon Project Update- Methuen Construction re-mobilized to the lagoon in late August. They completed modifications to the submerged aeration system to bring it into compliance with manufacturer's standards, in addition to completing pipeline testing and adding additional liner sealing around the concrete effluent structure. However, issues surrounding the commissioning of the floating aeration system in the lagoon forebay need to be resolved before there is an official declaration of substantial completion and the lagoon is placed in service. All parties, including the manufacturer, are working together to address multiple concerns. The most important issue is determining a solution for shifting of some the bollards that hold these aerators in place. This movement was reported last week, shortly after the aerators finally reached their standard operating elevation. In the meantime, Methuen continues to work on tasks and punch list items not tied to substantial completion, as previously scheduled.

2. Old Landing Retaining Wall- Working together with the DPW to build up the rock wall at Old Landing to stop cars from driving off the edge and into the water. We are adding a course of pink granite rock to the top of the existing wall that will act as a curb and stop accidents. I would like to thank Sherman Briggs for donating the rock and Donald from Marion Fence for helping design the project. Our hope is that the DPW will be able to complete the project quickly before we have another accident.

3. Water Restriction Extension- The current water restrictions are set to expire on Friday, October 7 and it is the recommendation of the Water Department that we allow them to expire and do not extend them. Although we still in a drought, we have had much rain recently and with cooler temperatures the growing season is quickly coming to an end. No action was needed unless the Board wanted to extend the restrictions. They decided not to extend the restrictions and to let them expire on October 7.